## **REGION 6 RRT ACTIVATION :: APRIL 27, 2005**

- The Region 6 RRT was convened on April 27, 2005 (0930), to discuss the possibilities of conducting an In-Situ Burn in the Anahuac Refuge.
- The spill, approximately 50 plus barrels "Crude Oil", was released from a rusted flow line from the Alegre Energy Inc. Well 32 (High Island Oil Field).
- The spill was actually discovered on April 25, 2005.
- The actual size of the area was approximately 1.188 acres.
- The landowner, RP, State and MSO Houston all agreed to the burn
- This area was just burned in, November, 2004, by Wildlife management.

The following RRT 6 members participated in the conference call:

- Garner Oil Spill Response was called out to mitigate the spill, responding with one vac truck, picking up approximately 17 barrels, and absorbent material.
- DOC/NOAA Charlie Henry
  EPA Ragan Broyles / Craig Carroll / Steve Mason
  DOI Steve Spencer
  MSO Houston/Galveston CAPT Richard Kaser
  TGLO Greg Pollock / J.T. Ewing
  U.S. Fish and Wildlife Kelly McDowell
  - ☐ USCG District 8 Welcome Duncan
  - Responsible Party Ben Culpepper

- All RRT members received copies of the "Burn Plan' before the conference
- call to become familiar with the situation.
- There were only several concerns of pre-burn activities.
- Charlie Henry raised the question about a power line and the flow line location on site.
- The wildlife manager assured the RRT that the lines were inactive and would create no problems during the burn.
- Other concerns were bird population and the heavy vegetated area.
- Safety concerns were addressed, smoke plume/air monitoring and the ability to distinguish the fire.
- Weather conditions was not a problem.
- TGLO will notify the USCG District office when the burn actually is started, which was
- requested by EPA (Region 6).
- It was recommended that the burn be well documented for education and historical data.
- All RRT members gave consensus to the burn.
- CAPT Branch, RRT 6 Co-Chair, was in a meeting with ADM Duncan and I was instructed to inform the RRT members that he was in favor of the burn.

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